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Next week we begin extensive alterations in our store. Our stock of Wash Dresses is particularly in the way. The carpenters must have room to complete the work quickly—and new Fall goods will be coming in by the time the changes are made.

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**Lawns, Lingeries
Ginghams, Etc.**

There are hundreds of exquisite models, some worth many times the price asked. There's lots of the summer left, and you'll find a few of these dresses a wise purchase. We want you to come expecting to see most exceptional dresses at only

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STEEL MAGNATES RETURN FROM WORLD'S CONVENTION.



CHARLES SCHWAB PRESIDENT FARRELL

Among the many prominent Americans to arrive on board the Olympic on her last trip, were Charles Schwab and J. A. Farrell. This picture shows them as they stepped on the dock. Mr. Schwab at the left and Farrell at the right. Both men are returning from the recent international steel

conference at Brussels, and vehemently assert that the conference could not be construed as a step toward a combine or an attempt to fix prices. A committee was appointed to report on the formation of an international iron and steel association, for the dissemination of information.

IS BADLY WOUNDED.

Pratt Man Overlooked Cartridge When Cleaning a Rifle.

Emporia, Kan., Aug. 2.—George Harrell, 43 years old, is lingering between life and death, at the Stewart hospital, as the result of a bullet wound just be-

low his heart. He was brought here on a belated Rock Island train yesterday and may not survive many hours although at midnight he was resting easily.

Mr. Harrell was cleaning a .22-caliber rifle at his home yesterday morning. He had removed all the cartridges from the magazine, but had forgotten the bullet in the barrel. When he broke the stalk, the load was discharged and the ball entered his breast.

MOTOR CARS, ALSO

City Commissioners Threaten to Raise Licenses.

Increase Tax From \$1 to \$5 a Year.

A RAISE IN REVENUES.

Many Thousand Dollars Added to Treasury.

New Administration Watches the City Pocketbook.

Following out their extensive plans of raising all of the licenses, the board of city commissioners is planning now to tax every motor car owner \$5 a year instead of the present license of \$1.

By this action the city officials expect to add more than \$5,000 a year to the receipts of the city.

The plan now in effect is to charge the automobile owner \$1 a year for his license and \$1.75 for a number. The new plan will charge \$5 a year to every owner of a license.

The city administration this year has added many thousand dollars to the receipts of the treasury through its whole raise in licenses. By the revision of the license ordinance this week it is figured that the city added nearly \$10,000 to the total receipts for the year.

More from Licenses. In the past that has been one weakness in the Topeka city government—the small licenses charged firms and corporations. It was a weakness in that it made little difference in the revenues of the city government.

The commissioners by a revision of the old ordinance have paved the way for additional thousands of dollars in the city treasury every year. And they have gone at the increase in such a manner that no complaints have had any effect with the outcome.

The commissioners have done another thing that was never attempted before. They have placed a premium on city franchises. In former years the city council allowed franchises to be given away and no preparations for further revenues were made. The present administration has guarded its franchises rights and the fuel oil matter that is before the board now is watched with one hand in the pocket of the buying corporation.

Topeka always has been lower than other cities in the country in all franchise and license taxes. In the past when franchises came to Topeka they traveled through the city and went away leaving but a few dollars behind to pay the expense to the city street department. Now when a franchise comes to Topeka it deposits a neat sum for a license—a sum that will ultimately pay for the damage done to the streets and pavements.

The motor car license is another step in the increased revenue movement. A kick will be raised by the 700 motorists in the city—but some of the commissioners own automobiles.

WON'T HELP BRAMLETTE

Ousted Sheriff's Force Turns Cold Shoulder on Stubbs' Man.

Galena, Kan., Aug. 2.—C. E. Bramlette, recently appointed by Governor Stubbs to serve as a sheriff of Cherokee county pending the outcome of the ouster suit against Ralph Martin, suspended yesterday offered all of Martin's deputies their old jobs but without exception the offers were turned down. As a consequence the new sheriff starts in with an entire new set of assistants. John Fitzgerald, Galena deputy under Martin, was the last man to refuse the offer. He spent most of yesterday at Columbus in the interest of his resignation but when he learned all the other deputies had refused to serve he concluded he would not be the exception and the offer was accordingly refused.

Loyalty to Martin and the belief that he faithfully performed the duties of his office are given as the reason why the deputies were refused. All of the deputies, it seems, held that since their superior had been removed from the office it would be better for them also to step down and out. The Galena deputyship was today given to R. M. Elliott, formerly a member of the Galena police force.

The appointments made yesterday by Sheriff Bramlette were: Sam Johnson, father; Charles Edwards, Marlon Petty, Frank Lash and J. S. Kenasop, deputies.

COL. BURGESS 85 YEARS YOUNG.

The Veteran Celebrates His Birthday on Tuesday.

Col. James Burgess, of 216 Tyler street, celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday on Tuesday. He is around visiting his friends today and is as chipper as he was when he served in the city council 15 years ago. Col. Burgess also served two terms as registrar of deeds of the county. He was colonel of the Seventh Indiana regiment in the civil war and it was his regiment that had the honor of participating in the battle of the civil war after the fall of

Fort Sumpter—at Philippi, West Va. Col. Burgess was invited to attend the reunion of the blue and the gray on the battleground on June 5, but was unable to go. Charles Hovatter, of Topeka, who attended the reunion which was near his old home, brought Col. Burgess a cane, cut on the battlefield of which he is very proud.

GRANGE SNUBS TAFT.

Connecticut Organization Refuses to Participate in a Reception.

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 2.—The Times this afternoon says that the Connecticut state grange has notified the Connecticut fair association that it can not participate in the reception to be tendered President Taft when he comes to the fair in Charter Oak park early in September as a guest of the Connecticut fair association.

The attitude of the grange is attributed entirely to the president's advocacy of reciprocity with Canada. F. E. Duffy, whose protests in Washington of the reciprocity legislation created widespread comment, has charge of the live stock at the Connecticut fair. In the interview in the Times he says:

"Some time ago the manager of the fair invited the grange to participate as the usual grange day was to be observed. When it was learned that President Taft had accepted an invitation to attend the fair the situation changed. The fair authorities have been notified that the grange will not take part in the fair this year."

"Why?" he was asked.

"For the reason that the grange is opposed to the reciprocity idea in all its aspects," he said. "The grange has been the leader in that movement and the grange does not care to take part in any event in which he is a guest."

DISASTERS DUE TO FOG.

One Steamer Goes Aground and Another Is Run Down.

Greenport, N. Y., Aug. 2.—The steamer Shinnecock of the Montauk Steamship company, with passengers from New York for Block Island, ran aground in the fog today near Long Beach light, Gardiner's bay. She is in no danger and will float herself.

Run Down in a Fog. New York, Aug. 2.—During a heavy fog last night the three-masted schooner Susan N. Pickering, stone laden for New London, Conn., was run down in Vineyard sound by the Boston Line steamer Massachusetts, bound from Boston to this city. The Pickering's captain and crew of four men were picked up by the Massachusetts, which was uninjured. The Pickering drifted aground at Cedar Tree Neck.

WRECK IN KANSAS.

Several People Injured on Missouri Pacific Near Wagstaff.

Kansas City, Aug. 2.—A collision with a cattle train caused the wreck of the Colorado flyer passenger train on the Missouri Pacific near Wagstaff, Kan., last night. Several persons were injured, some of them seriously. The train left here at 6 o'clock last night for Pueblo. A misunderstanding of orders on the part of the engineer of the passenger train is believed to have caused the wreck. The injured were taken to Osawatimie, Kan.

WIFE TAKES BLAME.

Says Galle Took Rock Island Money to Spend on Her.

Wichita, Kan., Aug. 2.—Mrs. Frank Galle, wife of the missing Rock Island ticket clerk in this city, returned home last evening. She says that her husband took the company's money in order that she might have more luxuries. She is heart broken but still believes her husband is true to her. She claims to know nothing of his whereabouts. The embezzlement warrant issued for Galle places the shortage at \$700, but it is thought it will reach more than \$3,000.

Galle in Oklahoma? Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 2.—A rumor was current here yesterday that a railroad detective had trailed Frank L. Galle, the missing ticket clerk from the Rock Island depot at Wichita, to Tulsa. It is not explained how this rumor started unless it originated in connection with a visit to the city of a special railroad detective. A man who is said to be prominently connected with a detective agency was in Tulsa yesterday and he came here from Wichita. Galle left Wichita July 15 and his whereabouts have since remained a mystery.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT AUGUST 15.

Fifty Players Expected to Participate in Contests.

The Central Park Lawn Tennis association has arranged for its third annual open city tournament, which will start at Central park courts Tuesday, August 15. It is believed that about fifty Topeka players will participate in the singles and doubles this year and compete for the list of prizes. Last night the members of the club met and elected F. L. Campbell president of the association for the coming year. Robert Stone was named as secretary and treasurer. Plans for the approaching tournament were also laid and the association agreed to extend invitations to other organizations in the city, as well as the Country club players. Valuable prizes will be offered and these will be placed on display in a downtown window in a few days.

Threshing Engine Killed Him. Frankfort, Kan., Aug. 2.—Oscar Lady of Vileto was killed about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon while threshing on the old Herda farm, a mile and a half north of Vileto. In crossing a ditch at that place, with the threshing outfit, the engine ran back on him, crushing him between the engine and separator. He lived but a few minutes. The deceased was about 40 years of age and leaves a wife and three children.

TODAY'S GAMES.

Washington, Aug. 2.—American league: First game—Score: R H E Chicago.....1 2 0 Washington.....3 9 0 Batteries—Scott, Hoyt and Sullivan; Becker and Street. Umpires—Connolly and Parker.

Cincinnati, Aug. 2.—National league: Philadelphia-Cincinnati game postponed, rain.

Do Not Fail to Take Advantage of Our Summer Clearance Sale of High Grade Pianos and Player Pianos

**Which Is Going On Very Briskly
Now in Our Piano Rooms**

Pianos are being selected daily at prices never before known in Topeka—and terms of payment are easier. The pianos are not of an inferior grade shipped in for the purpose, but all belong to our well known and established list of makes. This house has long claimed the distinction of representing the world's best pianos. Pianos with actual superiority in tone and action, with marvelous inventions, such as the Mehlin & Sons, with its concert grand quality, within an upright case; or the Wegman with its superior sounding board construction and patent tuning pin; or the Shoninger, with its composite metal plate and incomparable tone and action; or the Hallet & Davis Apollo Player Piano, Lyon & Healy, Capen, Krell, Conway and others, all of which have superior merit, aside from their established name reputation.

During Our Summer Clearance Sale

of pianos we are offering these remarkable instruments at a big sacrifice in the price, being determined to close out every piano on our floor before September 1st.

Terms of payment, \$4, \$5, \$6 and up per month, something entirely unheard of in Topeka.

You Can Select Your Piano Now and Begin Making Payments Later

To prospective out of town buyers we offer railroad fare for the round trip, so they can select their piano personally.

This is Our Big Week, and many pianos have been delivered in the city, and also shipped to points in Kansas and Nebraska.

The following list will give you an idea how low the prices are. Of course we have many more pianos than can be enumerated here:

	Regular Price.	Special Price.		Regular Price.	Special Price.
Strauss Piano; walnut case.....	\$300	\$120	Kimball Colonial Upright.....	\$375	\$165
Weser Bros' Piano; mahogany case; almost new.....	\$300	\$125	Clayburne Upright Grand.....	\$350	\$165
J. M. Root Piano.....	\$325	\$135	Eldridge Upright; mahogany.....	\$350	\$175
Kimball Cottage Upright; only slightly used.....	\$350	\$145	Fischer Upright; ebony.....	\$375	\$185
Sterling Piano; ebony case.....	\$375	\$150	Needham Large Upright.....	\$500	\$200
			Capen Upright.....	\$375	\$235
			Lyon & Healy Upright.....	\$385	\$250

And many other splendid bargains.

Fine stool, scarf and piano instruction book free with each piano.

Be sure and call this week while the best propositions can be had.

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The World's Best Pianos

630 Kansas Ave., Topeka, Kan.

LOCAL MENTION.

Rev. Arthur S. Henderson, D. D., of Chester, Pa., who preached at the First Congregational church last Sunday, will have charge of the Thursday evening prayer meeting at that church. He will speak briefly on "St. Paul's Conception of the Ministry." He will also preach next Sunday morning on "The Coming Kingdom of Christ."

Contrary to usual custom Lincoln Circle will not give a dinner on pension day, Friday, August 4.

The reason for the Miller Bros' 101 Ranch show cancelling its Topeka date, September 6, is probably due to the fact that Buffalo Bill is booked for Topeka Saturday, September 2.

Robert Stone will address the members of the Topeka Real Estate Dealers' association next Wednesday noon.

Beginning Sunday after next the Rev. Chester E. Tenney of New York city will preach for several weeks at the First Congregational church.

Dr. F. L. Hayes, formerly pastor of the First Congregational church of this city, has been preaching for a month at the Central Congregational church of Atlanta, Ga.

R. D. Blaine will leave tomorrow for Montreal, Quebec, New York and Boston. While in the east Mr. Blaine will work in the interests of the home coming feature of the Kansas Semiquincentennial celebration.

Walter Frost was arrested today on a state warrant, charged with larceny from a dwelling. It is charged that Frost entered the house at 329 East Eleventh street, occupied by May Walker. A suit of clothes belonging to Andrew Kelly, a boarder, was taken from the house.

Suit was filed in the district court today by I. M. Blitt against J. C. Cowdry for the possession of an automobile, valued at \$1,200. Blitt alleges that Cowdry has unlawful possession of a

car which belongs to the plaintiff and that Cowdry has refused to relinquish possession of the machine.

Suit has been filed in the district court by the Mail Printing house and several insurance companies against the Consumers' Heat, Light & Fuel company to recover \$164.91 for damages resulting from an explosion in the Capen building in December, 1909. The Mail losses were met by the insurance companies, who are really plaintiffs in the present action. Negligence in properly piping the gas in the building is charged as a cause of action.

Playing Singles Today.

Kansas City, Aug. 2.—Interest in today's matches in the Missouri Valley tennis tournament centered in several of the biggest single contents of the meet. With yesterday's general clean-up in single play in these events is down to business. One of the hard fights scheduled for today was that between Harvey MacQuiston of New Orleans and James H. Winston of Norfolk, Va., who, with H. G. Whitehead, also a Virginian, recently won the doubles championship of his state. Whitehead also was on today's program, matched with R. P. Ellis of Osawatimie, Kan. Other important matches on today's program were those between W. C. Brodix of St. Louis, Washington university star, and H. V. Jones of Kansas City and Roland Hoerr of St. Louis and Jack Cannon of Kansas City who with Jones holds the interstate title in doubles.

Detroit Has a Day Late.

Detroit, Aug. 2.—Rain yesterday caused a postponement of the grand circuit races continued to fall lightly at intervals through the night. As a result the track at the state fair grounds was heavy this morning. Clearing weather is predicted by the forecaster, however, and should the track dry out sufficiently to permit racing, the program announced for Tuesday will be run off today. Interest in today's card centered largely in the trotting division of the horseman's futurity, with a value of \$12,000.

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New York Stock List.

	Last Sale.	New York, Aug. 2.
Atchafalpa.....	100 1/2	100 1/2
Baltimore and Ohio.....	16 1/2	16 1/2
Chicago and Northwestern.....	18 1/2	18 1/2
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul.....	12 1/2	12 1/2
Colorado and Southern.....	3 1/2	3 1/2
Edison.....	31 1/2	31 1/2
Great Northern Pac.....	12 1/2	12 1/2
Great Northern Ore Cts.....	5 1/2	5 1/2
Illinois Central.....	14 1/2	14 1/2
Louisville and Nashville.....	17 1/2	17 1/2
Missouri Pacific.....	47 1/2	47 1/2
Missouri, Kansas and Texas.....	34 1/2	34 1/2
New York Central.....	107 1/2	107 1/2
Norfolk and Western.....	19 1/2	19 1/2
Norfolk Southern.....	12 1/2	12 1/2
Pacific Mail.....	6 1/2	6 1/2
Pennsylvania.....	24 1/2	24 1/2
Reading.....	15 1/2	15 1/2
Rock Island Co. pfd.....	30 1/2	30 1/2
Rock Island Co. com.....	18 1/2	18 1/2
Union Pacific.....	18 1/2	18 1/2
Wabash.....	15 1/2	15 1/2
Western Union.....	24 1/2	24 1/2

Fear He Killed Himself.

Kansas City, Kan., Aug. 2.—After having disposed of his property, valued at about \$5,000, H. E. Schlenker, who for twelve years has had a dry goods and clothing store at 457 Minnesota avenue, yesterday disappeared. It is feared that the merchant, who has been brooding over the death of his wife a year ago, and who has threatened to commit suicide on her grave in the Jewish cemetery in Kansas City, Mo., has taken his life.

Long Moves to Wichita.

Medicine Lodge, Aug. 2.—Former United States Senator Chester I. Long is packing his office furniture and library this week, preparatory to moving to Wichita next week. He will open a law office in the Beacon building and expects to be ready for business soon. His family will probably not move to Wichita until September.

JOIN THE CROWD GET IN THE PUSH

GROCERS' PICNIC

AT

VINEWOOD PARK

TOMORROW

GREAT BALLOON RACE About 5:30 P. M.

Captain Wright, of St. Louis, will race Bert Curtis, of Kansas City, for a purse of \$300.

GAMES AND SPORTS FOR LIBERAL PRIZES

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